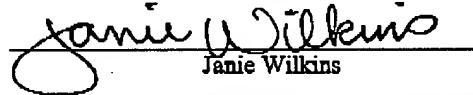


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed April 27, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows and reconsider the application in light of the following remarks. A request for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response.

-Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

-Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.